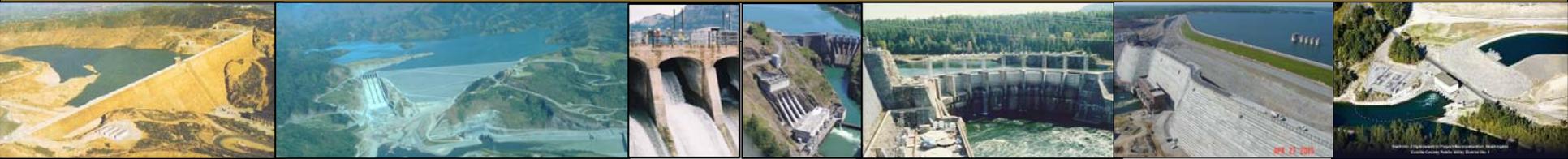


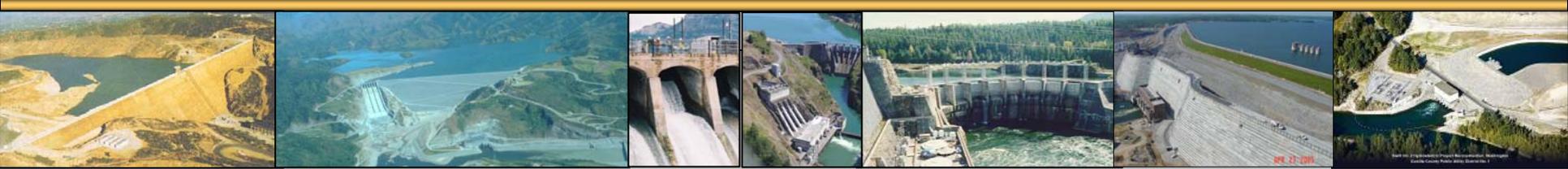
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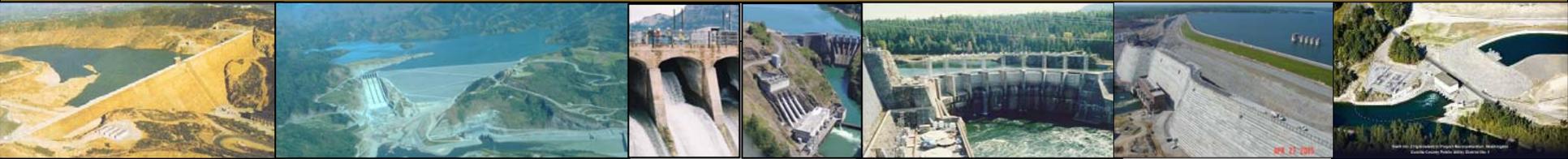


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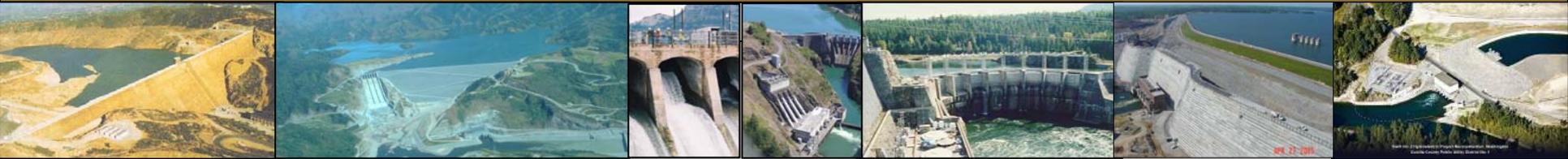


## x OWNER

### — Has First Line of Responsibility

- Owner Is the First Defense Against Dam Failures
- Is On-Site More Than Anyone
- Only Person to Provide Surveillance and Monitoring
- Must Know What It Takes to Maintain a Safe Dam
- Must Recognize an Unsafe Dam
- Must Continually Train and Update Staff

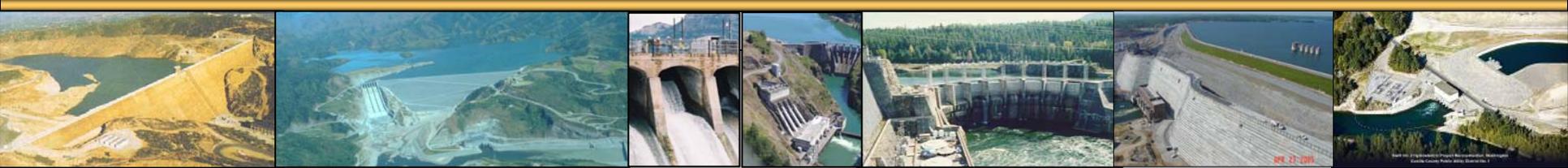
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- Owners Dam Safety Program (ODSP)
  - Clear Designation of Responsibility, Oversight and Authority
  - Requires Authority of All Organizational Elements
  - Access to Sufficient Technical Resources and Expertise
  - Proactive Owner Inspection and Evaluation Program
  - Adequate On-Site Presence or Remote Monitoring Capability
- An Emergency Action Program (EAP)
  - Plan Developed in Accordance with FERC & FEMA Guidelines
  - Well Coordinated with Local Emergency Management Services

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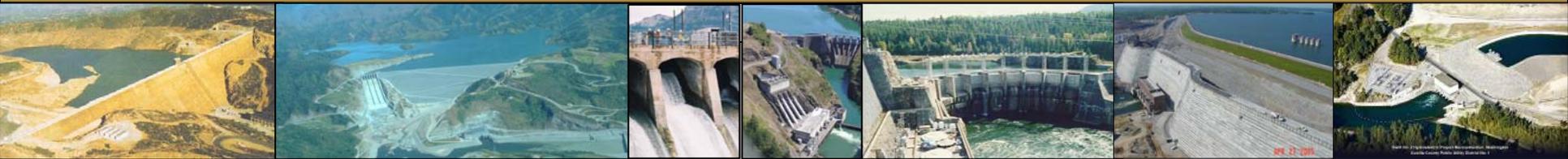


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### — Responsible for Proper Design Criteria

- Utilize FERC, COE and/or USBR Engineering Guidelines
- Safe Design Criteria for Static and Dynamic Conditions
  - Hydrology and Hydraulics
  - Stability, Piping, and Drainage
  - Seismic Response and Deformation

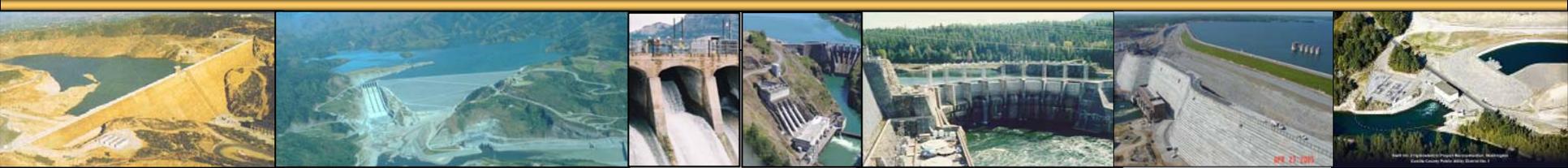
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- Develop Instrumentation and Threshold Values
  - Locations and Purpose of Instruments
  - Thresholds for Normal and Extreme Conditions
  - Instrumentation Details and Frequency of readings
- Develop Dam Surveillance and Monitoring Plan
  - Establish Methods and Schedules for Readings
  - Develops Inspection Forms and Reporting Format

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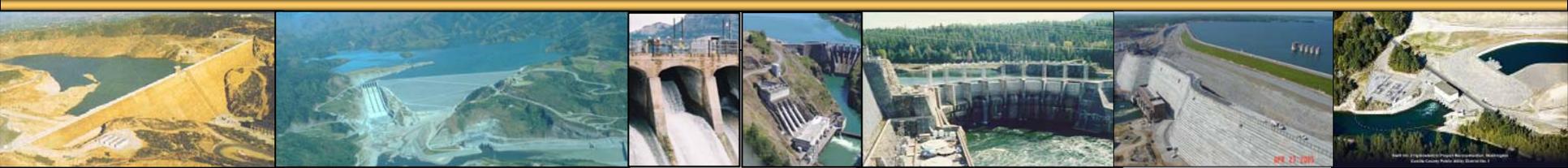


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### — Establish Basic Dam Safety Guidelines

- Engineering Guidelines for the Evaluation of Hydropower Projects
- Establishes Dam Safety Workshops
- Identifies Dam Safety Publications

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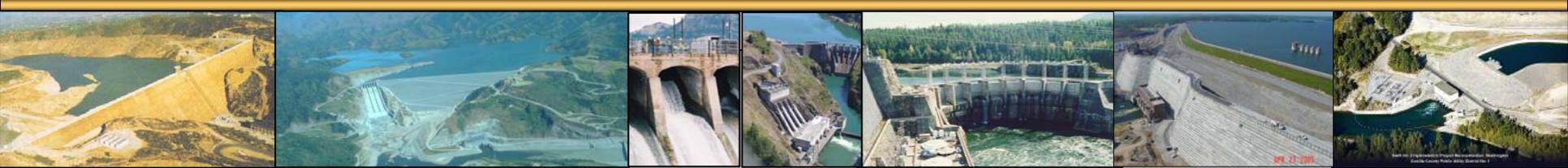


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### — Maintains Periodic Inspections and Reviews Reports

- FERC Annual Site Safety Inspections
- FERC Part 12, Independent Consultant Inspections
- Reviews Dam Safety Surveillance and Monitoring Reports

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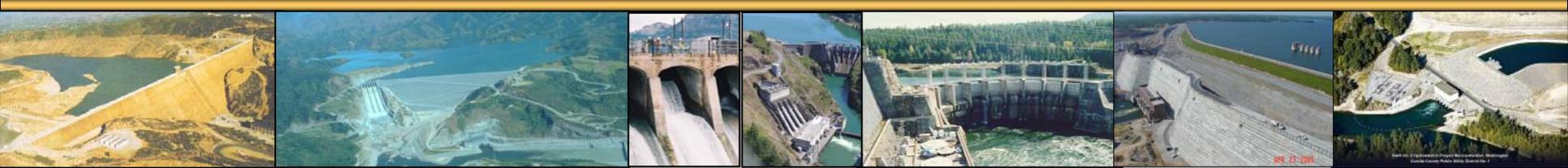


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### — Enforces Dam Safety Surveillance & Monitoring

- Works with Owner and Engineer to Develop Plan (DSSMP)
- Reviews Dam Safety Surveillance & Monitoring Reports (DSSMR)
- Coordinates DSSMP with Results of PFMA

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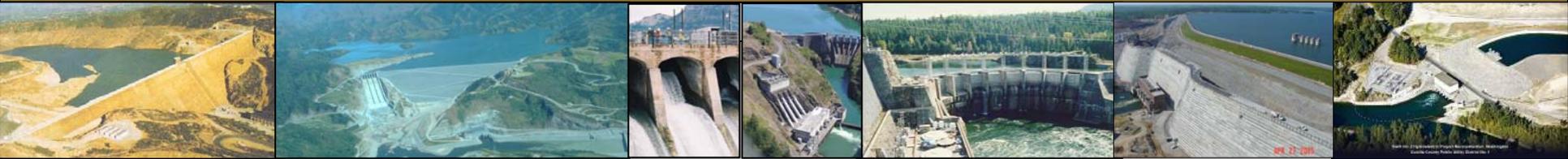


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### — Enforces Potential Failure Mode Analysis (PFMA)

- Performs PFMA on All Projects
  - New Projects During Initial Design
  - Rehab Projects During Analysis
  - Older Projects ASAP
- Incorporates PFMA Results into Instrumentation & Monitoring

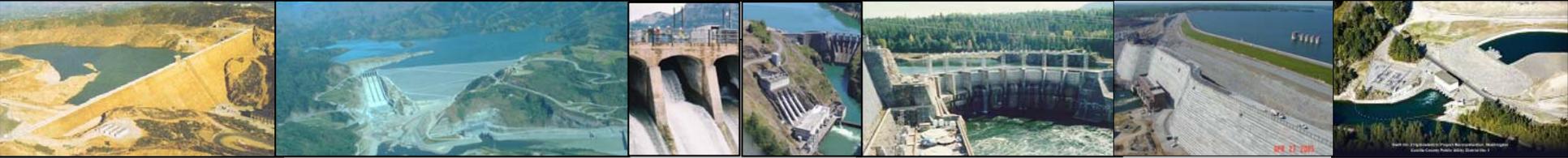
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- Maintains Close Coordination with Dam Owners
- Provides Dam Safety Guidelines for Designers
- Monitors Dam Safety Processes:
  - Owners Dam Safety Program (ODSP)
  - Part 12 Consultant Safety Reports
  - Dam safety Surveillance & Monitoring Reports (DSSMP)
  - Potential Failure Mode Analysis (PFMA)
  - Emergency Action Plans (EAP)

# “Important Parts of a Good Dam Safety Program”



So There You Have:

The Important Parts of  
a Good Dam Safety Program!

QUESTIONS?

